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I PLAYS de banjo better now  
Dan him dat taught me do,  
Because he plays for all de worl',  
An' I jes' plays for you.

He learns his chunes — I jes' lets down  
A banjo-string or two  
Into de deepest of my heart,  
An' draws up chunes for you.

Slowly dey comes swingin' up,  
A-quiv'rin' through an' through,  
Till wid a rush of tinglin' notes  
Dey reaches light — an' you.

I never knows if dey will shine  
Wet wid tears or dew;  
I only knows dat, dew or tears,  
Dey shine because of you.

HOWARD WEEDEN

## Bandanna Ballads

## A Banjo Song

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Sidney Homer. Op. 22, No. 4

*Molto moderato With marked rhythm*

**Voice**

*mf*

I plays de ban - jo bet-ter now Dan

**Piano**

*mf*

*legato*

him dat taught me do, Be - case he plays for

*cresc. rit.*

*f a tempo*

all de worl', An' I jes' plays\_ for you. He

*cresc. rit.*

*a tempo*

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*with increasing ardor*

learns his chunes— I jes' lets down A ban - jo-string or

*f**cresc.  
rit.*

two In - to de deep-est of my heart, An' draws up chunes for

*cresc.  
rit.*

you.

*ff a tempo*

Slow - ly dey comes swing-in' up, A -

*ff a tempo*

quiv' - rin' through an' through, Till wid a rush of tin - glin' notes Dey

*cresc. rit.* *with emotion* *ff a tempo*

reach - es light - an' you. I nev - er knows if

*cresc. rit.* *ff a tempo*

dey will shine. Wet wid tears or dew; I

*dim. e rit.* *tenderly* *p lento*

on - ly knows dat, dew or tears, Dey shine be-case of you, dey

*dim. e rit.* *p lento*

*dim.* *rit.* *pp*

shine be-case of you, of you.

*dim.* *rit.* *pp*